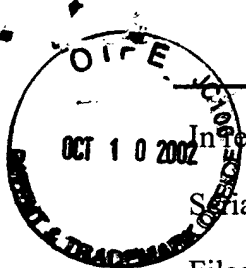


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This document is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 2, 2002 (Paper No. 7). A request for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-110 are pending in the instant application, and are subject to restriction. Furthermore, the Office Action, on page 2, requires restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-21, 105, drawn to a composition of endoglucanase for degrading oligosaccharide, classified in class 435, subclass 200.
- II. Claims 22-43, 89, 91-96, drawn to a method for degrading oligosaccharide using the endoglucanase, classified in class 435, subclass 277.